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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 21 September 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report on Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half month period 1—15 August (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

No typhus fever was reported during the current week. The steady increase in diphtheria and tuberculosis continued. Scarlet fever increased to 267 cases in the Zone, the highest number yet reported in any one week. Incidence of measles increased 100 percent over last week with 126 of 277 reported cases occurring in Landkreis Darmstadt. While incidence of gonorrhea dropped about 70 cases, increase in syphilis raised the total incidence of venereal diseases to exceed last week's total by 30. Slight decreases were reported in typhoid fever and poliomyelitis.

Medical Supplies:

Insulin from fish pancreas collected at Wesermuende and processed in Illertissen, Bavaria has been received in Bremen for clinical trial. Bavaria reports a critical shortage of Bismuth for the treatment of syphilis. A firm capable of manufacturing seamless rubber goods has been located in Weinheim, Wuerttemberg-Baden. While the capacity is low at present, increase in production is anticipated soon, with the assistance of Military Government.

Nutrition:

Completed surveys of the three major cities of Baden indicates small weight gains in all ration categories, some decrease in deficiency symptoms and a decrease in the incidence of nutritional edema.

Animal Diseases:

Trends can be seen from a comparison with the three preceeding periods given at the top of the table. The most prevalent diseases are swine erysipelas, fowl plague, and equine scabies. The foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden has continued to spread slowly. The dourine outbreak in Baden was quickly brought under control. No further spread of the anthrax outbreak previously reported in Regierungsbezirk Ober- und Mittelfranken has occurred.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 21 September 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																												
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
TOTAL US Zone	16,679,390	c	—	—	—	—	—	1045 33	267 1	667 163	108 15	657 8	5 1	33 6	2734 —	991 1	146 8	35 1	22 2	22 1	2 —	2 —	13 —	3222 —	—	1	18	34	277		
Unterfranken	935,625	c	—	—	—	—	—	67 1	13 —	33 5	3 —	8 1	—	—	109 —	49 —	—	7 —	1 —	—	—	—	—	190 —	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	c	—	—	—	—	—	134 5	25 —	72 21	— 2	83 2	—	1	297 —	162 1	23 3	4 —	4 —	4 —	1 —	—	—	720 —	—	—	1	—	—	32	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	c	—	—	—	—	—	80 5	14 —	34 6	6 1	52 —	1	1	314 —	104 —	51 2	4 1	—	—	—	—	—	420 —	—	—	2	—	—	3	
Schwaben	1,040,631	c	—	—	—	—	—	48 3	15 —	33 7	— 1	88 1	1	—	141 —	29 —	6 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	182 —	—	—	1	—	—	—	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	c	—	—	—	—	—	109 3	17 —	85 14	10 4	47 —	1	4	424 —	109 —	13 —	3 —	5 —	—	—	—	—	359 —	—	—	1	—	—	45	
Kassel	1,153,323	c	—	—	—	—	—	67 2	24 —	48 8	10 1	30 —	—	1	124 —	60 —	10 1	3 —	1 —	—	—	—	1 —	239 —	—	—	—	—	—	8	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	c	—	—	—	—	—	82 4	29 1	56 14	6 —	84 1	—	4	332 —	140 —	3 —	3 —	—	—	—	—	1 —	75 —	—	—	—	—	—	11	
Hessen	1,178,132	c	—	—	—	—	—	74 3	31 —	86 11	3 —	85 —	—	1	155 —	39 —	4 —	6 —	1 —	—	—	—	11 —	338 —	—	—	—	26	165		
Baden	1,249,127	c	—	—	—	—	—	66 2	25 —	61 10	19 —	58 2	1	2	176 —	51 —	4 —	—	2 —	—	—	1 —	—	386 —	—	—	1	—	—	—	
Wuerttemberg	2,044,156	c	—	—	—	—	—	138 2	34 —	65 13	14 2	115 1	1	8	218 —	83 —	9 —	3 —	1 —	—	—	—	—	157 —	—	1	—	—	—	11	
Bremen Enclave	478,106	c	—	—	—	—	—	69 3	9 —	13 11	6 —	7 —	—	10	160 —	45 —	—	—	3 —	—	—	—	—	156 —	—	—	—	8	—	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c	—	—	—	—	—	111 —	31 —	81 43	31 —	—	—	1	284 —	120 —	14 —	2 —	5 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—

a) + No data submitted.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 21 September 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																										
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Bavaria	8,169,731	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	438	84	257	19	278	3	6	1285	453	102	18	10	1	—	—	1871	—	—	5	—	82
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	223	84	190	19	199	—	6	611	239	17	12	2	—	1	13	652	—	—	—	26	184
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	204	59	126	33	173	2	10	394	134	13	3	2	1	—	—	543	—	1	1	—	11
Bremen Enclave	478,106	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	9	13	6	7	—	10	160	45	—	—	3	—	—	—	156	—	—	—	8	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	111	31	81	31	+	—	1	284	120	14	2	5	—	—	—	+	—	—	12	+	+
Total US Zone	16,679,390	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1045	267	667	108	657	5	33	2734	991	146	35	22	2	2	13	3222	—	1	18	34	277

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731		—	—	—	—	—	—	27.86	5.34	16.34	1.21	17.68	.19	.38	81.73	28.8	6.49	1.14	.64	.06	—	—	119.00	—	—	.32	—	5.21
Greater Hesse	3,793,452		—	—	—	—	—	—	30.57	11.52	26.05	2.60	27.28	—	.82	83.77	32.77	2.33	1.64	.27	—	.14	.78	89.89	—	—	—	3.56	25.23
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283		—	—	—	—	—	—	32.21	9.32	19.8	5.21	27.32	.32	1.18	62.21	21.16	2.05	.47	.32	.16	.16	—	85.74	—	.16	.16	—	1.74
Bremen Enclave	478,106		—	—	—	—	—	—	75.04	9.79	14.14	6.53	7.61	—	10.88	174.02	48.94	—	—	3.26	—	—	—	169.67	—	—	—	8.70	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818		—	—	—	—	—	—	61.09	17.16	44.58	17.06	+	—	.55	156.31	66.05	7.71	1.10	2.75	—	—	—	+	—	—	6.60	+	+
Total US Zone	16,679,390		—	—	—	—	—	—	32.60	8.33	20.81	3.37	20.50	.16	1.03	85.30	31.92	4.55	1.99	.69	.06	.06	.41	100.53	—	.03	.56	1.06	8.64

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "C" Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 21 September 1946

Regierungs-Bezirk	Popu-lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	16,679,390	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.60	8.33	20.81	3.37	20.50	.16	1.03	85.30	30.92	4.55	1.09	.69	.06	.41	100.53	—	.03	.56	1.06	8.64
Unterfranken	985,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.24	7.22	18.34	1.67	4.45	—	—	60.58	27.23	5.00	3.89	.56	—	—	105.60	—	—	—	—	1.11
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.17	6.00	17.29	—	19.93	—	.24	71.31	38.90	5.52	.96	.96	.24	—	172.87	—	—	.24	—	7.68
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.29	3.90	9.47	1.67	14.49	.28	.28	87.48	28.97	4.21	1.11	—	—	—	117.01	—	—	.56	—	.84
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.99	7.49	16.49	—	43.97	.50	—	70.46	14.49	3.00	—	—	—	—	90.94	—	—	.50	—	—
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.22	4.09	20.45	2.41	11.31	.24	.96	102.01	26.22	3.13	.72	1.20	—	—	86.37	—	—	.24	—	10.83
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.21	10.82	21.64	4.51	13.53	—	.45	55.91	27.05	4.51	1.35	.45	—	.45	107.76	—	—	—	—	3.61
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.17	10.31	19.92	1.13	29.88	—	1.42	118.09	49.80	1.07	1.07	—	.36	.36	26.68	—	—	—	—	3.91
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.66	13.68	37.96	1.32	37.52	—	.44	68.42	17.21	1.77	2.65	.44	—	4.85	149.19	—	—	—	11.48	72.83
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	27.48	10.41	25.39	7.91	24.14	.42	.83	73.27	21.23	1.66	—	.83	.42	.42	160.69	—	—	.42	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.11	8.65	16.54	3.56	29.26	.25	2.03	55.46	21.11	2.29	.76	—	—	—	39.94	—	.25	—	—	2.80
Bremen Enclave	478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.04	9.79	14.14	6.53	7.61	—	10.88	174.02	48.94	—	—	—	—	—	165.67	—	—	—	8.70	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	61.09	17.06	44.58	17.05	+	—	.55	156.31	66.05	7.71	1.10	2.75	—	—	+	—	—	6.60	+	+

+ No data submitted.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum)

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 1-15 Aug. 1946

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Regierungsbezirk	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Colial vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle	Piroplasmosis of cattle
TOTAL US ZONE 16-30 June		1	10	36	3				7	672	129	2	92		10	2	241				161	3				8
TOTAL US ZONE 1-5 July	2		7					3	615	134	8	85			9		185			2	113	3				4
TOTAL US ZONE 16-31 July	1		5							1015	226	2	8		13		79				104	1		1		4
TOTAL US ZONE 1-15 Aug			1	36			26	1	958	109			16		5		114	1			21	4		5		8
LAND BAVARIA								1	423				15		1		114				20	3		1		
Mainfranken									20															1		
Ober- & Mittelfranken									116								13				3					
Nied.-Bayern & Oberpfalz								1	130								51				11	1				
Schwaben									51				1								1	2				
Oberbayern									106				14		1		50				5					
LAND GREATER HESSE				36					301	109			1		1			1			1	1		4		
Kassel									94				1													
Wiesbaden									55	109											1			4		
Hessen				36					152						1			1				1				
LAND WUERTTEMBERG-BADEN		1	1				26		234						3										8	
Baden		1					26		70						3										8	
Württemberg																										
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